

GRANTEE

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

PROGRAM TITLE:

Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program

PROGRAM PERIOD:

Cohort 3 (September 30, 2012 to September 29, 2017)

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GOAL OF THE PROGRAM

The Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program's goals are to improve child development, literacy, maternal health, child/parent relationships, parenting skills, and school readiness outcomes using a culturally relevant approach.

COMMUNITY CONTEXT FOR THE PROGRAM

State:	Oregon
Rural or Urban/Reservation or Non-Reservation:	Urban Non-Reservation and Rural Reservation
Description of Service Area:	The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians' (CTSI) service area includes and 11 county the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians service area (Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties).
Births Per Year:	The 2011 birth rate for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) in the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians service area was 12.2 per 1,000 births. The 2011 birth rate for Oregon state was 12.0 per 1,000 births.
Children Ages Birth to 5 Years in Target Community:	Using 2012 data, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians reports that 218 AI/AN children ages 0-5 live in the target community.
Unique Characteristics of Target Community:	The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is a federally recognized confederation of 27 bands, originating from northern California and southern Washington. Each of these tribes has a unique history and culture, as well as legal relationships with the federal government.
Key Community Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Steering Committee for Home Visiting Athabaskan Language Program

COMMUNITY CONTEXT FOR THE PROGRAM (continued)

Key Community Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln County Health Department • Vocational Rehab • Head Start • Contract Health • Evaluation Advisory Council • Lincoln County Early Childhood Coordinating Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lincoln County Community Connections • Healthy Families Oregon • Self Sufficiency Department • Indian Child Welfare • Education Department • State of Oregon's Early Learning Hub • State Home Visiting System Framework Design Committee
Primary Risk Factors in Target Community:	Primary risk factors for the target community include generational trauma, substance abuse, childhood obesity, diabetes and related health conditions, low educational achievement, mental health issues, child behavior issues, families with histories of child abuse, children in foster care, teen pregnancies and teen parents, domestic violence, and criminal issues resulting in incarceration in jail or prison.	

PROGRAM DELIVERY CONTEXT

Organization Type Administering the Program:	The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is a non-profit organization.
Implementing Agency:	The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Target Population:	The Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program's target population includes the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians tribal members residing in Benton, Clackamas, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties. Specifically, this target population focuses on children (prenatal through age 3), children ages 3 to 5 not attending Head Start, expectant mothers and fathers, families impacted by hardships and stress, families coping with alcohol and substance use, elders as caregivers, and families with a history of child neglect or maltreatment.
Target and Actual Numbers Served:	The Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program expects 25 families to request and be eligible for services.

HOME VISITING MODEL SELECTED

The Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program chose the Healthy Families America model, with Family Spirit as its accompanying curriculum.

KEY MODEL ADAPTATIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS

The Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program will collaborate with Scholastic Books' Family and Community Engagement (FACE) program. FACE's research-based programs and strategies support early literacy, family involvement, and access to books. Collaboration with the FACE program will increase the support of early developmental milestones by providing enrolled families with age-appropriate books for all of their children. As part of its home visiting approach, the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program will introduce "Table Talk."



KEY MODEL ADAPTATIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS (continued)

The Table Talk approach helps families use and practice the Athabaskan language in a natural family setting. Additionally, the program coordinator is a Healthy Native Babies Project trainer and will train home visiting staff in Safe Sleep techniques.

DESCRIPTION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM

The Siletz Tribal Head Start (STHS) serves 112 students across four sites (Siletz Reservation, Lincoln City, Portland, and Salem). STHS focuses on education, health, social services, cultural enrichment, dental exams, immunization assessments, and parental involvement. Children participate in a structured classroom environment at least 4 days per week, for 3½ hours per day. All centers provide round-trip transportation services with a Head Start bus.

EVALUATION APPROACH

Evaluation Question

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians home visiting advisory council and evaluation advisory committee are currently in the process of creating evaluation questions that align with program goals. The two topics of interest chosen by the committee are “culture as a supportive factor for children and their families” and “parent knowledge of child developmental milestones.”

Evaluation Design

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians home visiting and evaluation advisory committee are currently in the process of finding an evaluation design that meets the requirements of rigor, while honoring tribal mandates.

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